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tlc Updates

Enjoying the journey...

We departed Atlanta on October 5 headed for Johannesburg, South Africa. Our send off started with a morning visit to The Mission Society for devotion and to be prayed over. We were picked up at the Laws house where we have been staying since our return from Colorado mid August. Thank you so very much Steve and Carol for opening up your home to us.



Beverly Roylston stopped by to see us off. Cathy Hellming gave us ride to the airport where we were met by Brenda Westmoreland (Missions pastor at our home church Norcross First UMC) and Cathy's husband Ben. After prayers and hugs we were off to the international terminal.

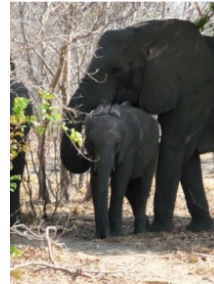


While in Johannesburg we stayed at the Lilypad, a charming bed and breakfast. We met with Lisa and Janis as they were returning home after two weeks at the Children of Zion Village. We also had a dinner with Bob Guild, a classmate from MII who had recently arrived in Johannesburg to begin his mission's ministry. During our 4 day stopover in Johannesburg we enjoyed a tour to Soweto (South West Township), a Lion Park visit and tour of Lesedi (a world heritage site). For more on these adventures visit our blog from the Blog tab on our website.



There is no place like home...

The temperature on landing was a sizzling 100F (40C) degrees. We keep being told that the cooler rainy season is just around the corner. We were met by the current interim director - Dave Walker. On the drive home from the airport we saw 1 baboon, many elephants, 1 warthog and several giraffes.



Upon arrival we were greeted by wonderful welcome home decorations made by the children.



Our house warming gift was a pair of chairs made by the induna (chief) of the local Sukata village - thank you Lisa and Craig. Three weeks of transition with the interim directors - thanks Uncle Dave and Uncle Ray. There have been several long trips to the Mafwe Royal establishment, across from the royal palace, for a court hearing.



Power outages, network outages impacting phone and internet service. Many vehicle repairs on each of our vehicles. Meeting several officials at the local government administrative offices. Learning to drive a stick shift vehicle on the left side of the road. Driving to two funerals with 15+ members of the local tribes in the back of the Toyota bakkie (mini pickup truck). Meeting local shop owners. Learning a few words of Lozi - the local tribal language. Hosting our first house guest - it was good to see Darrell and Richard. Getting to know the children and staff. Riding to church in a mukolo (dugout canoe) and walking home through the cows. Hope you have been keeping up with these and other adventures on our blog. Celebrating Lorna's first birthday in Africa. Leading worship service on Sunday mornings. Saying goodbye to Uncle Dave and Uncle Ray. Praise the Lord that we are here safely and are being accepted by the children, staff, local tribal leaders, government officials and shop owners. We have a lot to learn and we be relying on all of the above folks to assist us.

Support Status

COZV Updates

A BIG THANK YOU to those of you that have made a monthly pledge or provided a one-time donation through The Mission Society to our ministry #538.

Please pray that the Lord will provide long term financial partners for our ministry.

*Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be open for you."
Luke 11:9*



The children have about 1 more month of school before the month long break. The vocational students will be graduating next week. We are excited for their successes.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- The children: for good health, safety, and obedience, education and Christian development.
- The staff: For strength, health, wisdom, patience and love.
- The community: That we might be received and they might feel the love of Christ from us.
- Our home team, prayer partners and financial supporters. That God will Bless them for their obedience in the partnership of this ministry in Namibia
- For us that God will continue to bring people into our lives that we might make the right connections at the right time. For strength, patience, obedience, love and rest and acceptance.